(e) whether any financial assistance is being provided to the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised National Road Safety Policy aims to bring down the number of fatalities in road accidents to about 12 per 10,000 vehicles and the number of road accidents to about 50 per 10,000 vehicles by the year 2001 AD. The Council has also recommended some amendments in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to enhance road safety.

(c) The legislation will be introduced shortly.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

**Road Breakages in National Highways No. 39 And 53**

714. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road breakages in the National Highways No. 39 and 53 in the area of Nagaland and Manipur leading to Imphal in the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the number of vehicles damaged and drivers lost their lives and other incidents etc, as a result thereof; and

(c) measures taken up and to be taken to save life and property from these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Number of road breakages resulting in road blockage for periods lasting one day or more in the States of Manipur and Nagaland are as under:

| | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|---|---|---|---|
| NH-39 | — | — | 1 |
| NH-53 | 2 | 1 | 4 |

(b) National Highway-wise accident statistics are not collected. However statewise accident statistics are given below:

| | Manipur | | | Nagaland | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| Accident | 156 | 163 | 161 | 58 | 73 | 22 |
| Persons killed | 59 | 32 | 43 | 31 | 50 | 15 |
| Persons injured | 253 | 295 | 294 | 130 | 76 | 63 |

(c) Road blocks are cleared promptly and restoration works taken up immediately.

**Additional National Highways in Manipur**

715. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Manipur have submitted a proposal for opening a new National Highways in addition to the existing 39 and 53 National Highways;

(b) the steps taken up by the Central Government to the said proposal; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allotted for the National ways leading to the capitals of the North-East States specially Imphal where the Railway Heads are not touched in the Ninth five years plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The declaration of new National Highways will depend upon approval of Planning Commission, Ministry of De-